

Governor Baldacci's
Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products and
Services
Friday, October 13, 2006 9:30-11:30 AM
Room 105 Cross Office Building, Augusta, Maine
MINUTES

Attendees

Task Force members: David Littell, Brian Dancause, Thaxter Trafton, Deborah Rice, Sharon Tisher, Nick Bennett, Mike Belliveau, Stacie Beyer, Dana Graham, John Wise, Mindy Davis

Other Task Force: Dick Davies, Governors Senior Policy Advisor, Ginger Jordan-Hillier, staff

Guests: Marc Catlin SEIU Education and Support Fund, Peggy Schaffer, DECD

Interested Parties: Stephen Davis/ Entrix Environmental Consultants, Jeremy Caron/DAFS, Bill McPeck/ State of Maine Employee Health and Safety Coordinator, Richard Thompson/ James F Mitchell Co.

Mark Catlin,

Industrial Hygienist and Haz mat Project coordinator for SEIU (Service Employees International Union) Education and Support Fund a non-profit organization established by SEIU to train workers throughout the US on hazardous material issues. Chemicals Project
Have requested electronic copy of PowerPoint will email when received.

Suggestions to the Task Force

- Make the connection between safety and health.
- Involve those affected by change with the change.

Offer of assistance

Assistance of Haz Mat Project for training state employees on new EPP janitorial supplies offered.

Peggy Schaffer, Acting Director Office of Innovation DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development) 2005 Maine Science and Technology Plan

Electronic copy of PowerPoint attached.

Suggestions to the Task Force

- National Science Foundation Forestry grant needs state dollars (Note: we have asked Mike Bilodeau who presented to us on the Forest Products Bioresearch Center at Orono to send us any recommendations he might have).
- Strong industry associations are key tools for leveraging R &D dollars
- How do we help composite boat builders' move from styrene construction to closed foam molding. They have a federal grant. (Note Ginger working to understand more details on this)

Discussion, Recommendation development

Next meeting (Wed November 13th) will be devoted to developing recommendations. **All encouraged to be thinking about recommendations to bring to the next meeting.**

E-2 Tech Council and Wise Facility at USM mentioned as groups represented on Task Force that are likely to have suggestions for Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council.

Other

Joint Select Committee on Research, Economic Development and the Innovation Economy mentioned by Sharon Tisher is looking at very broad issues relative to Research and Development. Their efforts and work are available from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis (OPLA) website <http://www.maine.gov/legis/opla/1222ndstudynew.htm>

Initial conversations with DECD re: possibility of REACH workshops for Maine businesses exporting to EU have occurred. MITC (Maine International Trade Commission) would be the DECD program to contact next. Ginger will continue to work on this.

TASK FORCE SAFER CHEMICALS future meeting schedule as of 10.16.06				
Date Time	Location	Agenda highlights	Status	Notes
Mon Nov 13 1-4 PM	Room 105 COB	Discussion/Drafting Interim Report.	Confirmed	Note change to 3 hour meeting from 1-4
Mon Nov 27 2-4 PM	Room 105 COB	Discussion/Drafting Interim Report	Confirmed	
Wed Dec 6 1-3 PM	Room 105 COB	TBD		Do not have a room option for either December dates for 2-4
Dec 20 1-3 PM	Room 105 COB	TBD		

